

August 9, 2010

To: Mayor Steve Van Oort & council members:

Craig Block

Gary Welch

Dave Kissinger

Wade Steenhook

Tom Strait

Subject: Ankeny Comprehensive Plan

I am unable to attend the August 16th council meeting so I am writing to reiterate the following concerns regarding the Ankeny Comprehensive Plan and how it would cause additional flooding to residents in Greenwood Acres.

- 1) Since both Deer Creek and Four Mile Creek are part of the Greenwood Acres area residents are very concerned about flooding issues. Increased flooding through the last few years has impacted residents. Early rains this spring brought flooding in this area closer to homes. In addition, Heritage Park, which is one of the city's loveliest parks, has been increasingly under water, that has a negative impact on the trees and usage by citizens. With a heavier housing density comes a bigger responsibility for the city to correct flooding problems.**
- 2) Since the sewer trunk was run along Four Mile Creek and through the development of Deer Creek Estates, there has been significant erosion, downed trees, and considerable debris in Deer Creek and Four Mile Creek.**
- 3) With the new Ankeny Comprehensive Plan allowing for even more density in housing development, such as Deer Creek Estates, citizens in the area are very concerned about the increased flooding and watershed issues.**
- 4) The retention ponds are not solving the problems, but causing environmental issues as they contain stagnate water for breeding mosquitoes, growing algae, and increasing an overpopulated duck population. Where water lines were run along resident property on N.E. Frisk Drive, ditches never drain after each rain.**

- 5) Since other residents in the areas of Ankeny, such as Boulder Brook have complaints, I would ask that new measures be tried in these locations to solve the watershed issues first before increased housing density is allowed in new developments such as Deer Creek Estates

Thus I ask the Ankeny City Council to please readdress the increased housing density issues in new developments such as Deer Creek Estates and not vote for the new comprehensive plan until this has been done. Retention ponds are not going to solve existing problems. A bad situation will only be made worse by higher housing density and in the end greater financial problems for the city.

Thank you.

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